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On the 25th July, at the British Consulate, Shanghai, THOMAS OGDEN, of Guernsey, to BLANCHE MAUD OLIVER, of Guernsey.

DEATH.
On the 26th July, died the pilot-boat Polar Star, at Shanghai, HENRY FREUDENTHAL (Braun), Licensed Pilot, aged 63 years.

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HONGKONG, 2nd August, 1902.

The programme of the local celebrations in honour of King Edward's Coronation has now been published, somewhat late in time, and the first item is fixed for this evening at 5.30 p.m., when H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will go over to Kowloon to turn the first sod of the King's Park, the one permanent memorial of the occasion. All the other ceremonies, with the exception of the official reception, are reserved for Coronation Day itself, the 9th instant. On the morning of that day there will be a special service at 11 a.m. in St. John's Cathedral (though this, it will of course be understood, is not, correctly speaking, an arrangement made by the Coronation committee), after which there will be a pause until the evening. With the arrival of dark there will be an illumination of the town. We are informed that the Government buildings will be decorated for the occasion (though we have good reason for believing that this will not be universally carried out), and private individuals are invited to join in the illuminations, an invitation to which we feel certain there will be a hearty response. Between 9 and 11 p.m. there will be fireworks on the site of the future Law Courts, while rockets will be sent up at intervals in the Harbour between 9.15 and 11.30 p.m. Bands will play on the Cricket Ground between 7 and half-past 11. Further there will be a "Fish Lantern Procession" through the principal streets of the city, the householders being invited to illuminate their property along the route. On Monday night, the 11th

instant, the reception at Government House will be held, Monday being chosen in order to avoid clashing with the more public festivities. From the original programme therefore we miss the congratulatory vote to His Majesty, the unveiling of the CONNAUGHT statue (already performed), the review of troops, the Chinese Flower Show (already held), the presentation of Addresses and Children's Tea (both already held). It will be seen that it is thus a much curtailed ceremony which will mark the King's accession, largely owing to the fact that several of the items of the first arranged programme have been very properly carried out without waiting for the actual day of the Coronation. In one way it is a great advantage to be able to concentrate all the commemorative ceremonies, with the exception of the cutting of the first sod of the new Park, into the space of one day, and, given fine weather and a loyal effort on the part of residents to contribute all they can to the brilliancy of the evening festivities, there should be a most effective show made by the city of Victoria. We are sure that the inhabitants will require no admonishment to make them strive their utmost to attain this end.

It is more than a month now since Count Cassini on behalf of Russia formally notified the Home Department at Washington that his country had evacuated Manchuria and that the province was now ready for government by the Chinese. The Russian Ambassador also, the new mail papers inform us, authorised the publication of an interview with him, in which he gave his views about Lord Cranborne's statement in the House of Commons on Manchuria. The Ambassador considered it hardly frank to say that negotiations are proceeding for the evacuation of the province, since Manchuria had been returned to China, according to Russia's original programme and promise. The whole world, Count Cassini thought, must understand that Newchwang is only retained as a hostage for the evacuation of Tientsin; Newchwang and its railways would be returned to China whenever the corresponding obligations were fulfilled at Tientsin. Now with regard to Newchwang there is nothing much to be said. Tientsin is to be handed back to China on the 15th instant, if nothing untoward occurs, and Newchwang, according to Russia's engagement, will similarly be restored. But with regard to the evacuation of Manchuria, we are entitled to ask what meaning Count Cassini attaches to the words. It is a perfectly well known fact, endorsed from all sources of information in the North, that Manchuria has not been evacuated by the Russian troops. At the time when Count Cassini was making his assurance to Washington, advice was given on the part of the Tsar's forces. Now we are perfectly aware that what is in other professions and branches of life looked upon as barefaced mendacity is not so regarded in diplomacy. Nevertheless, there are some limits to the license allowed to the representative of a great Power in the assurances which he gives to other governments, and the Russian Ambassador at Washington has surely passed all limits in gravely assuring the United States Home Department that a promise had been fulfilled when to this day, more than a month later, it still remains unfulfilled. The agents of the St. Petersburg government have performed some notable feats in "diplomacy," but this seems to surpass them all.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, will probably arrive in the Colony on the 19th instant.

The Rifle Association competition to-day is for the long range cup and spoons, commencing at 2.30 p.m.—ranges, 700 and 800 yards; 10 shots at each distance.

A Japanese "wanted" at Singapore, for an alleged breach of trust there has been arrested by the Water Police here, and will be handed over to the Singapore authorities in due course.

Two cases of plague, both fatal, occurred during the 24 hours ended yesterday at noon. One of the victims was an European, Mrs. Catherine Murphy, who resided at 9, McGregor Street. The other was a Chinese.

The reception by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Lady Gascoigne at Government House, postponed from the 28th June, will be held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the same hour and place. All those who originally received invitations are invited to attend.

By kind permission of Major Berger and officers of the band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. Programme:—March "Who's that a-calling" ... Hume Overture ... "Flourish" ... "Valse Bleue" ... "Mazurka" ... "Lobengrin" ... "Edgar Suite" ... "Pierrot" ... "Grieg Extra. Selection "La Fille de Madame Angot" ... "God Save the King."

Mr. H. E. Nichols, Local Government Auditor, returned to Hongkong yesterday morning.

According to the Singapore Free Press, H.M.S. Terrible will proceed to Colombo for the Coronation.

H.M. unprotected composite gun-ship, as she now lies in the Harbour, will be exposed for sale by auction on 13th August, at 3 p.m. The Admiralty do not guarantee that she is fit for further sea-service.

The Emperor of Japan sent to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, through Sir Claude Macdonald, a portrait of himself for the Pastmore Edwards Sailors' Palace, which is to be the society's new headquarters in London.

Another accident recently occurred at Chatham with the obsolete muzzle-loaders used for firing estates at the Spur Battery, overlooking the town. It appears that Gunner Evans, R.A., was assisting to fire a salute on the departure of the Crown Prince of Japan, who had been paying a flying visit to Chatham Dockyard, when the charge prematurely exploded. Evans' right arm was blown off at the elbow, and his left hand at the wrist.

A London telegram of the 19th ult. to Japan says:—The Marquis of Lansdowne, speaking in the House of Lords last night, in reply to Earl Spencer, recapitulated the conditions under which the Russian government promised to withdraw from Manchuria. His Lordship stated that His Majesty's Government regarded the release of Newchwang as of vital importance. With reference to the China indemnity he said that the Government had proposed to other Powers a mitigation of the terms in consequence of the depreciation of silver. Adverting to the Cranborne epigram, Lord Lansdowne asserted the absolute equality of the high contracting parties in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and deplored the fact that any other interpretation should have been put upon it. Turning to the question of Tientsin, his Lordship said the Government expected that restoration would be effected a month hence.

The Petit Parisien says it has ascertained an enquiry that the Siamese troops have not invaded the neutral zone, though officers have gone there, but it is a fact that the Siamese army is being drilled by Japanese officers. The assertion that M. Klobukowski, the French Minister at Bangkok, had requested to be recalled is incorrect. "M. Klobukowski will arrive in France in about a month, and will place the Government in possession of full information on the situation." The Petit Parisien adds that, in the opinion of the most competent and disinterested observers, the present state of affairs will compel France to exert her influence on the right bank of the Mekong. She will have to institute a sort of protectorate, involving complete and permanent control over all the Siamese territory placed in her sphere of influence by the treaty concluded in 1893. The cynicism of this advice is positively refreshing.

The Royal Marines Rifle Association in their annual report just published ask for suggestions as to competition for teams from detachments, officers (individual), and an individual revolver competition for officers serving in the Channel squadron and on foreign stations. The committee offer silver badges for individual competitions annually on each of the following stations:—Mediterranean and Red Sea, Channel, North America and West Indies, Pacific, Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa, East Indies, China, Australia, E.E. Coast of America. The competition is open to all ranks of the corps serving on the station between the 1st January and 31st December. The prize will be forwarded to the senior officer R.M. on each station annually, on the 1st January for the current year. In case of the badge being won by an officer, a prize of one guinea will be awarded from the funds of the Association to the next in order of merit, not being an officer. The senior officer R.M. is requested to draw up rules for the competition suitable to the conditions of service on his particular station.

The recent experience of H.M.S. Terrible while prize-firing throws some light, says a home paper, on the influence of temperature on high explosives. When the cruiser went to her prize-firing the atmosphere on deck was 86 degrees, and in the magazine 90 degrees; or 20 degrees above the normal. This so affected the range that the first six rounds, with one hit; the second six rounds, with one hit; the third six rounds, with two hits; and the fourth eight rounds, with three hits. When the cause of the bad marksmanship was discovered the shooting immediately improved, for the fifth six rounds, with four hits; the sixth six rounds, with four hits; the seventh six rounds, with six hits; the eighth six rounds, with seven hits; the ninth six rounds, with eight hits; the tenth six rounds, with eight hits; the eleventh six rounds, with nine hits; and the twelfth six rounds, with eleven hits. When the ship went into the prize-firing she had to encounter rainy mists and puffy squalls, so that with the clouds fumes hanging about the casemates it was sometimes impossible to see the target. To add to the annoyance caused by the high temperature of the casemates, there was a chippy sea—two boats were stove in and three otherwise damaged—but Capt. Percy Scott insisted on the practice being carried out, as he wanted to test his gunners in bad weather. The result of the practice is now a matter of history, and an example to be imitated, but it is interesting to remember that when the tricks of cordite had been ascertained, though the gyrations of the target caused by the weather could not be controlled, only one out of eighty-three shots missed.

The British transport Selunga arrived yesterday from Taka. She has on board 950 Indian troops for Calcutta.

The Order of the Rising Sun, third class, has been conferred by the Emperor of Japan upon Mr. Charles Holmes, Honorary Secretary of the Japan Society, and the Order of the Sacred Treasure, third class, upon Mr. P. J. Boyan, Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Marcus B. Huish, Honorary Librarian, also of the Japan Society.

The steamer St. Paul, which arrived at San Francisco a month ago from the Arctic regions, reported that Mr. Harry de Windt and the members of his "Paris to New York overland" expedition was picked up off the Siberian coast by the Thetis in the middle of June. Mr. de Windt's expedition left Paris on the 19th December last and consisted of Mr. de Windt, Vicomte de Clichamp-Bellegarde, and Mr. G. Harding. The object of the expedition was to cross from Paris to New York overland through Siberia and over the ice on Behring Straits.

The Soviet publishes an exhaustive article on Russia's naval position in the Far East, in which it points out that the Russian squadron in the Pacific Ocean is completely at the mercy of Japan, on account of the difficulty which the Russian ships would experience in that part of the world in re-coaling and re-provisioning. Moreover, the article continues, there would be many obstacles even to carrying out most of the necessary repairs, inasmuch as the docks at Vladivostok and Port Arthur are insufficiently equipped for the purpose. The Russian vessels, it is observed, are obliged to winter in Japanese ports, as Vladivostok is almost inaccessible during the cold months, while at Port Arthur there is not sufficient accommodation. In addition to this there is not a sufficient depth of water in the inner basin, and the outer basin, which is somewhat larger, is dangerously exposed to every wind. The Soviet also foresees the danger of the ships of the Russian fleet being blockaded by the Japanese in Vladivostok and Port Arthur in time of war. The article concludes by saying that, in view of these many and sinister possibilities, it is absolutely necessary that Russia should obtain a fresh port d'appui on the Pacific Coast, and for this purpose Masampo, in Corea, would, in the opinion of the writer, satisfy all requirements.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The U.S. Consul-General forwarded to us last night the following typhoon warning, dated Manila Observatory, 1st August, 4.45 p.m.:—

The typhoon N.E. of Manila raging in Luzon, probably re-curling north.

RICE AND BERI-BERI.

The continued spread of beri-beri amongst Malays and Chinese is again too evident. Dealing with the two races separately the State Surgeon of Negri Sembilan writes:—"I have already reported to Government the very high probability that beri-beri is increased through the consumption of certain uncleaned sorts of rice. I refer to that theory here only to point out how plainly and inevitably the steady spread of the disease among the Malays follows upon that mode of infection. So long as unsophisticated and remote from roads and shops, the native grew and garnered his own grain. When the daily supply was hulled and washed and prepared for food immediately, he was saved to a large extent from the poison, which I have shown reason to believe, shed into the rice from the husk in milling (or perhaps from other sources) afterwards slowly grown in and rendered poisonous the stored food. But now when the development and rearing of the country have made imported rice everywhere easily obtainable, often cheaper and, above all, less troublesome than preparation of rice at home, the former is consumed with the result that beri-beri steadily becomes more prevalent; and again, 'Beri-beri causes more than two-fifths of all deaths among Chinese; the actual mortality due to it is 97 for every 10,000 living—nearly one per cent—annually, a heavy toll to be taken by one single disorder, from a population consisting almost entirely of selected healthy young male adults."

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 1st August.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Two privates in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers were charged with assaulting a coolie in Des Vaux Road West on the 31st ult. They pleaded not guilty.

The complainant declared that the two defendants, who were walking behind him, pushed him out of the way and knocked him down, causing him to strike his head on the ground.

A cook called by the complainant gave a totally different version of the affair. He said one of the defendants was running after some Chinese to beat them with a stick he brandished in his hand, and accidentally collided with the complainant, whom he struck with the stick. The other soldier did nothing, and asked his friend not to strike the complainant, who had his assailant arrested.

The Indian constable who made the arrests said he saw nothing of the alleged assault. The second defendant, the man who tried to pacify his friend, according to the second witness was discharged, and went into the box to give evidence on behalf of his comrade. His story simply was that the defendant assaulted no one, and neither saw the complainant until the police station was reached. The charge was dismissed.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 30th July.

THE REVISION OF THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

A conference, at which the proposed revision of the Chinese Customs duties was discussed, has been held at the Foreign Office. Those attending included the Marquess of Lansdowne, Mr. Gerald Balfour, President of the Board of Trade, the leading officials of the Foreign Office and Board of Trade, and business representatives. The Marquess of Lansdowne submitted communications from the British representatives at Shanghai.

LONDON, 29th July.

DISMISSAL OF FRENCH ADMIRALS.

The French Admirals Beaumont and Servan have been dismissed the Service, the former for having introduced his mistress to the official gallery at the National Pte, on the 14th instant, and for ignoring the Prefect, and the latter for the indifferent hygienic condition of his ships.

JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN RUSSIA.

Count Matsugata has paid a visit to M. de Witte, Russian Minister of Finance.

Prince Komatsu has had an audience of H. M. the Tsar.

THE GOODWOOD PLATE.

The following is the result of the race for the Goodwood Plate:—

Templemore	1
Crown Equestrian	2
Andrea Ferrara	3

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 31st July.

GREAT FLOODS.

Three or four months ago when there was no rain, and in consequence the rain water turned brackish, people complained, and the Chinese officials went to the temple of the King Dragon to pray for rain. Now the rain has come in heavy downpours for a month or so, till at last fourteen districts in Kwangsi prefecture and twelve districts in Swifu prefecture have been flooded by the West River, and nearly all the dykes, houses, and shops have been broken down, and the mulberry-trees, sugar-canes, groundnuts, rice, and paddy destroyed. H.E. the Viceroy has now despatched several officials to the districts of Nam Hoi, Sam Sai, and Koyew, to make a tour of inspection. The tide rose up to 5 and 6 feet high, and thousands of inhabitants have been rendered homeless, while many have died. At Wuchow especially all the streets outside the city have been inundated and all the wooden rafts swept away. The star rose up to the roofs. The villages of Nam Ning, and Loc Chow have been entirely swept away, and there is not one house left, while the villages in the district of Kwai Lun have also been swept away, the flood rising to 7 or 8 feet high, and all living beings were drowned. The Chinese here say: "Before the plague is over, here comes the calamity of water, which has destroyed innumerable lives."

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The Gaulois (Paris) states that the post of Governor of Indo-China was offered by M. Combes himself to M. Mesurac, but that M. Delcasse strongly opposed the appointment. The Minister for Foreign Affairs pointed out that M. Mesurac was in no way qualified by his previous experience to hold such an important position in a country which he said might be the scene of important events in consequence of affairs in Siam. It was therefore necessary, M. Delcasse declared, that France should be represented in Indo-China by a man capable, if occasion should arise, of carrying out the instructions of the French Government, which an outside politician could not possibly do. The Gaulois also says that M. Beau was appointed by the Cabinet at the instance of M. Delcasse, and with the consent of M. Doumergue, Minister of the Colonies, although other Ministers favoured the appointment of M. Mesurac.

M. Doumergue stated, in an interview published by the Figaro, that the appointment of M. Beau as his successor had considerably surprised him. He feared the nomination was the signal for a change of policy, and that his own efforts to develop French influence in and beyond Indo-China by every possible means of pacific kind would not be followed up. He had in fact frequently been thwarted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and M. Beau was to closely connected with the department that he was not likely to shake off the influence of his former environment. M. Doumergue mentioned that a circular was sent out to the French Consuls in the Far East asking them if it was a fact that certain sums had been allowed out of the Indo-China exchequer to various French enterprises in China. He would have been pleased to give the information himself if he had been asked for it, and he considered that it was an honour to have granted over £1,000,000 a year in aid of institutions which could not but attract French influence.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CONTINGENT.

MEMBERS DRAWN FOR.

Writing from London on the 4th ult., our correspondent with the Hongkong Volunteer Contingent says:—

We arrived at Liverpool at 8 a.m. on 23rd June, disembarked and entrained on a special at 10 a.m. None of the contingent baggage was opened by us all. There was an awful muddle at first with the baggage. It got mixed up with others in the customs sheds, and it was some time before things could be got together. We arrived at Wood Green Station at 2 p.m. and headed by the Highland Light Infantry band, marched into Alexandra Palace. They did not seem prepared for us; there must have been some blunder somewhere. No one knew there were any white troops, and consequently the Volunteers are encamped with the black folk. The H.K.V.C. have four large tents, and are comfortable. The meals are served in the Palace, and the food is good. Officers have a bell tent each and pass in the Palace, where there is a special officers' mess dining-room and sitting-room. It is very nice here in the weather, but we have had a couple of rainy days and it has been awful—mud, mud, and mud!

Crowds of people come to see the soldiers. There are about 2,000 Colonial troops here from all parts of the world. It is a wonderful sight to see the various kinds of colours, both in uniforms and skins. Capt. Forbes, "D" Co., and Lt. Nicholson, "A" Co., visited us this evening as we arrived.

The following joined us here—Col. Sgt. Major, Rodger, "C" Co., Gen. E. B. Smith, "A" Co., Black, "A" Co., Russell, "C" Co., Pte. Watson, "D" Co. Here again the Headquarters Office were not advised last three men were to join us here, though I believe full instructions were sent from Hongkong.

On Tuesday, 24th June, the Contingent was medically examined. There was a big parade of the Colonials in the Palace Grounds. We were inspected by Lord Roberts and the Duke of Connaught. Lord Roberts said to one of his aides, "I have referred to the H.K.V.C. as 'Very nicely turned out, I must say.' The drilling which the men have been put through has smartened them up a great deal."

On the 25th June we had a long route march lasting about two and a half hours. We then lined up in the Palace Grounds as a sort of rehearsal for the Coronation. We had been 41 days on the voyage and mostly wearing soft shoes, so most of the men had their feet blistered; mine were pretty bad. It was a hot day, but the H.K.V.C. marched very well. Not a man fell out, while there were several from other contingents. On the 26th June we had another route march, but it was a very short one, thank goodness!

The King's illness has upset everything. There have been several entertainments of various kinds which one man has attended. Things have been quiet in camp, but, of course, the crowds of people who come to gaze upon the black faces, etc.

On the 30th June all our camp was taken to visit the fleet at Spithead. We went off in three detachments in special trains to Southampton. We steamed round in the Royal Albert Line, chartered by the Government as a transport. Meals were served on board free. We were up at 4 a.m. and returned about 10.30 p.m. It was a fine sight, lots of cheering.

On the 1st July the Colonials were received at the Horse Guards by the Queen. She was looking very well, though sad. It was a very brilliant scene. The Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke of Connaught, several others of the Royal Family, and a lot of distinguished visitors. They all passed down the three inspecting troops. All the Royalists, etc. then formed up at the saluting box, where the Queen took up her stand by the flag. The troops marched past her in column and square. There were crowds of spectators. Sir Henry Irving gave a reception at the Lyceum to the Colonial officers.

The men are mostly away on leave. General leave has been granted subject to recall. Sir Henry Blake paid us a visit and he granted us the same terms of pay which the Queen and the Straits men are receiving. Various rates for different ranks, full pay while on shore in England, and half pay while on board ship, both on the voyage here and back. We have drawn pay up to the 4th June. Everything was fixed up by Sir Henry at the Colonial Office. It is very nice indeed to get this cash, as things are not cheap here.

I have been very busy with "plough." Major Chapman is hard worked. There are so many many deaths, and of course lots of red tape. You must remember that we are not, but since the Coronation has been put off things are not very lively. I cannot keep track of all the Sunday school treat men have been taking part in, but there are several and they seem to be having a very good time.

THE AMPHITRITE.

H.M.S. Amphitrite arrived yesterday in the Harbour and took up a berth at the Terrible's old anchorage. It will be remembered that the Amphitrite, on her way to Hongkong, visited the Persian Gulf, where her immense sea and great armament were reported to have created a profound sensation. She is 435 ft. long, 60 ft. beam, and draws 25 ft. 4 in. Her top speed is 18 knots, and she carries 16 in. g. l. guns, 12-pounder, 11 and 9 in. g. l. machine-guns. The Amphitrite was built at Devonport in 1886 and launched in 1888. She has a speed of 27.75 knots and carries a complement of 2,077 officers and men. The cost of the cruiser, which was started in 1886, was £1,250,000. (The Amphitrite was 2,548,227 lb. displacement and 11,000 tons.)

RESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

THE FORTHCOMING RACE MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS,"
Hongkong, 1st August.

SIR.—Surely "Tyro," the author of the letter which appeared in your issue of to-day, in his proposals does not go far enough towards making the chances of everyone even. I should strongly advocate that instead of the water griffin being allowed to arrive some six weeks before they have to race, they should only be allowed to arrive some six days before that date, and so as to prevent the experts gaining any undue advantage in that short interval and with the view of further equalising the chances of all, that the draw should not take place until the evening before the first day of the races. If this is done, and no one who has ever won a race is permitted to ride, I think everyone would have such an equal chance of it that would certainly effectively stimulate, or stifle, racing in Hongkong for many years to come. "Tyro," as the originator of the scheme and as a downright good sportsman, might claim either an allowance of 10 lbs or a start in each race, so that as far as possible he should not find himself out in the cold.—Yours, etc.

"DRIVELLER."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS,"
Hongkong, 1st August.

SIR.—I have been so strongly impressed by the sporting spirit shown by your correspondent who so aptly styles himself "Tyro," that I must ask you to allow me to make another suggestion of the same kind. As I understand that the policy advocated by "Tyro" for the effective quashing of the few men among us who have come to the knowledge of the art of training horses, has the support of the Stewards and a large following of the more sporting members, would it not simplify matters if instead of going to the trouble and expense of sending all the way to Australia for horses to race with, we merely made a list of subscribers and allotted each an imaginary horse by ballot? Then the names of these imaginary horses could be shaken up in a hat, by let us say the Clerk of the Course, and drawn by a Committee of Stewards, the last three names drawn being the placed horses. By adopting this means of racing there would be no necessity for either horses, jockeys, trainers, or even a racecourse; it would be more economical, and gentlemen of the "Tyro" stamp, who don't know a China pony from a Jersey cow, would have precisely the same chance of winning the Hongkong Derby as, say, John Ferrier, who is a competitor; this would be conducive to good sport. Trusting that in the interests of sport you will be able to find room for the publication of this letter.—Yours, etc.

"NIMROD."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS,"
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SIR.—As one who takes an interest in racing in Hongkong, I am extremely glad to see the correspondence which has lately been appearing in your columns that the question of a programme for next meeting is already engaging the attention of a number of members of the local Jockey Club, and I beg you will allow me space in your columns to have my little say on the same subject. I entirely agree with "Veteran" and "Owner" that old Hongkong values should be more considered in formulating a programme for our next meeting, and that a number of races should be allotted to them in proportion to the number of animals likely to be entered. I understand that there are at present in the Colony over twenty of this year's values besides several of previous years, and certainly the pick of the 1902 griffins are still in the land of the living. I believe that at least fifteen of these would be trained and entered for next year's races if there were given them any reasonable chance of picking up a race. Given five or six races, at least seven or eight races might fairly be allowed to them, open in some cases to this season's values, with allowances as thought advisable. Fifteen races have been allotted, at every meeting here (except the last) for many years past, to old China ponies, and the average number of entries has only been about thirty, even perhaps by two different owners. At the last meeting the races were set aside for China ponies on the official programme. The total number of these ponies entered was twenty-four. The whole ten races fell to five ponies, and only three different owners. Twenty races were allotted to values. These provided fifteen different winners owned by ten different owners. The fifteen values I regard as likely to be entered if sufficient inducement offered, would probably represent at least ten different owners and thus more probably good fields, and I therefore submit that the old values will provide equally good, if not better, sport than the old China ponies and would be encouraged.—Yours, etc.

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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer, *Goeben*, carrying the German mails with dispatches from Berlin of the 28th ult., left Singapore on the 1st inst. at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst. at noon. The N.O. steamer *Albatross* left Singapore for this port on the 29th ult., and may be expected here on or about the 4th inst. The steamer *Admiral* from Glasgow, Liverpool and Bristol, left Singapore yesterday, and is expected here on the 10th inst. The C.R. steamer *Admiral*, arrived at Nanking at 7 a.m. on the 1st inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 3 a.m. tomorrow.

HENLEY REGATTA.

Canadian papers bring the result of the Henley Regatta. They were as follows:

In consequence of the unusual number of competitors for the Diamond Sculls, and in order that none of the eleven scullers will be obliged to row two heats the same day, three preliminary heats were decided this afternoon. O. S. Titus, of the Union Boat Club, of New York, beat Louis Scholtes, of the Don Rowing Club of Toronto, 11 minutes 33 seconds. H. B. Etherington Smith, of the Leander Rowing Club, beat L. X. Praval, of the Club Nautique, of Nice, Italy, 8 minutes 43 seconds. J. Barendse, of the Kensington Rowing Club, beat K. Johnson, of the Twickenham Rowing Club, by half a length. Time 8 minutes 47 seconds.

Henley, July 8. In the first heat of the Grand Challenge Cup, the Kingston Rowing Club easily by a length and a quarter. Time, 7 minutes 34 seconds. Leander, on the Berks station, led at the start, and rowing a slower stroke throughout, won without much exertion. Kingston was much done up at the finish.

The second heat, in which the Argonaut Rowing Club, of Toronto, beat University, Oxford by 2½ lengths in 7 minutes 25 seconds, was a good race for a mile. The Argonauts jumped off with the lead, but the Berks slipped his seat and University led at the half mile. The Canadians, however, gradually overhauled the opponents and ultimately easily defeated the Oxonians, who were head of the river (dualing crew last season). The final heat for the Grand Challenge Cup for the day resulted in the London Rowing Club beating the Thames Rowing Club by a length and a quarter, in 7 minutes 58 seconds. London had the favoured position, Berks shore, and an easy task. They were clear after a couple of minutes' starting, two lengths ahead at Fawley Court, and thence took matters easy.

DIAMOND SCULLS. In the fourth heat (that of the day) S. S. Titus, Union Boat Club, New York, beat W. W. Field, Exeter College, Oxford, by three lengths in 9 minutes 17 seconds. Titus's easy victory over Field, who is the holder of the Oxford University sculls, increases the American's chances for the Diamonds. Titus, who was on the Berks station, had the measure of his opponent from the first. The Oxonian stuck to his work manfully for three-quarters of a mile. At Fawley Court (half the course) Titus, whose time up to that point was 4 minutes 26 seconds, was only a foot ahead, but thence the American drew further and further away, Field being completely exhausted.

In the fifth heat J. Barendse, of the Kensington Rowing Club, had the Berks station and led his opponent, St. George's, of the Thames Rowing Club, from the mark. Barendse kept some lengths ahead of Ashe throughout and paddled in the easiest of winners in 9 minutes. In the sixth heat for the Diamond Sculls, R. B. Etherington Smith beat H. T. Blackstaff easily. Time, 9 minutes 1 second. Smith, who belongs to the Leander Boat Club, won the heat with such surprising ease that he will almost certainly figure in the final. The veteran Blackstaff, of the Vesta Rowing Club, after keeping on a level with his competitor to Fawley Court, dropped astern of Smith, and the latter won by paddling home. In the seventh heat S. S. Kelly, Balliol College, Oxford, beat A. H. Cloutie, London Rowing Club, easily. Time, 8 minutes 54 seconds. This was the last heat of the Diamond Sculls of the day. Cloutie ran into a boom marking the course immediately after the start, and Kelly thus secured the lead and maintained it to the end, winning by a length and a half.

THAMES CHALLENGE CUP. In the first heat the Thames Rowing Club beat the London Rowing Club, winning by three lengths. Time, 8 minutes 16 seconds. The Thames Club led all the way and had an easy victory.

In the second heat, Trinity College, Dublin, beat Molesey Boat Club by a length. Time, 7 minutes 45 seconds. The heat proved to be a very fine race. The Irishmen got the best of matters at Fawley Court, and won by a bare length.

LADIES' CHALLENGE CUP. In the first heat, Radley College Boat Club beat Jesus College, Cambridge, by a length. Time, 7 minutes 37 seconds. This was a grand struggle. The latter led over a considerable part of the course by the smallest margin, but towards the close Radley made a magnificent spurt and won by a bare length.

SILVER GOBLET. In the first heat Ward and Taylor, Third Trinity, Cambridge, beat Somerville and Crombrugge, Club Nautique, of Ghent. Ward and Taylor won easily. Time, 8 minutes 45 seconds.

LADIES' PLATE. In the second heat University College, Oxford, beat King's College, Cambridge, by 4½ lengths. Time, 7 minutes 36 seconds.

WYFOLD CHALLENGE CUP. In the first heat for the Wyfold Challenge Cup, Kingston beat Thames by three-quarters of a length. Time, 8 minutes 53 seconds.

Henley, July 9th.

GRAND CHALLENGE CUP. Although the London Rowing Club had the advantage of the Buck's station, and rowed in excellent form, Leander led all the way. London's spurt towards the finish proving fruitless. The time was fast considering the wind, supporting the generally accepted view that nobody knows what reserve power is possessed by the Leanders until they are hard pressed. The half mile time was 2 minutes 30 seconds. The mile was done in 5 minutes 30 seconds.

This opened the way for what was generally regarded as the most important event of the regatta, the Canadians' contest with Third Trinity, the crack Cambridge crew, accepted by all as the British champions in the heats for the Grand Challenge Cup, containing as the crews did such noted oarsmen as G. J. D. Goldie, J. Edwards-Moss, and W. Dudley-Ward. The race was close and exciting to Fawley Court. The Argonauts led to that point (half the distance) when Third Trinity caught up, took command and finished in the splendid time of 7 minutes 11 seconds. The Canadians, even when they were passed hung on after time. But they were hand-picked by the fact that they held the Berks side. The time for the half mile was 2 minutes 27 seconds. Fawley Court was passed in 3 minutes 21 seconds. Both struck 40 for the first minute, and rowed nose and nose. At Fawley Court Third Trinity forged a quarter of a length to the front, rowing grandly. The Colleges drew away gradually, amidst the greatest excitement. The losses were loudly cheered.

THAMES CUP. The third heat for the Thames Challenge Cup was a great struggle. The Leander would have won but for their disadvantage of station. The Trinity crew got on first and pulled at Fawley Court, after which Cambridge gradually drew

ahead level. A neck and neck race ensued, and the Leander won by a narrow margin. At the half-mile interval the fourth heat was rowed in a downfall of rain, which sent the summer-show gamblers to shelter. The School of Mines got clear away from the start and kept the Thames oarsmen in hand the whole distance.

SILVER GOBLET. In the second heat the Hon. C. Graves and J. W. Knight, London Rowing Club, easily beat a pair of the Reading Rowing Club. Time, 9 minutes 11 seconds.

LADIES' CHALLENGE PLATE. The Eton boys, whose special claims to this trophy are generally conceded, carried the good wishes of everyone. They had the Buck's side and took full advantage of it. Christ Church held their own for some distance, but were then rowed down and the Etonians came away and won as they liked in excellent time, 7 minutes 36 seconds. Christ Church started with a faster stroke, and kept the nose of their boat in front for a quarter of a mile, but Eton hauled them hand over hand, and were one-third of a length in front at Fawley Court, which was reached in 3 minutes 35 seconds. Aided by their station the Eton boys then rowed away and won by two and one-half lengths.

In the fourth heat University College, Oxford, beat Radley School by two lengths. Time, 7 minutes 38 seconds.

DIAMOND SCULLS. Titus was favourite, but he was rowed to a standstill, to the surprise of everyone. His opponent F. S. Kelly, Balliol College, Oxford, led from the start and was three lengths ahead at Fawley Court. He maintained his distance and paddled home an easy victory. Kelly started with outlying down tactics. He put in 38 strokes in the first minute to the American's 35. The wisdom of the manoeuvre was clearly evident. The Oxonian went to the front forthwith and gained a quarter of a length in the first quarter of a mile. At the half mile he was a length to the good. Kelly's time was 3 minutes 2 seconds. He had then tackled on over a couple of rows lengths. Titus's fate was apparent. He was completely out-rowed. Experts estimated that the Buck's station was a mile to Kelly. After the half mile, however, Titus never flattered his supporters, and Kelly paddled home a winner by a distance variously estimated at 3 to 8 lengths.

In the ninth heat R. B. Etherington Smith, Leander, beat J. Barendse, Kensington Rowing Club, easily. Time, 8 minutes 58 seconds.

WYFOLD CHALLENGE CUP. In the second heat Trinity Rowing Club beat London Rowing Club easily. Time, 8 minutes 58 seconds.

In the third heat Kingston Rowing Club beat Trinity Hall, Cambridge, by three-quarters of a length. Time, 8 minutes 4 seconds.

Henley, 10th July. Unsettled weather somewhat marred the spectacular features of the closing day of the regatta, but it in no way diminished the attendance. A strong steady wind off the Buck's shore made the race decidedly rough and gave a full length of advantage to the crews fortunate enough to draw that station.

The racing opened with the final heat for the Grand Challenge Cup, in which, after a good race, Leander succumbed to the Cambridge crew, which yesterday defeated the Argonauts, of Trinity. Third Trinity had all the disadvantages of the Berks station, but they got off first and at Fawley Court, which was reached in 3 minutes 26 seconds, were two lengths ahead. At the mile post, reached in 5 minutes 25 seconds, the Leander started splendidly, but though they drew up a little, they could never overhaul their opponents and lost the trophy which they had held for the past four years.

In the final for the Diamond Sculls, F. S. Kelly, Balliol College, Oxford, repeated his surprise yesterday by gaining an unexpected victory over R. B. Etherington-Smith, Leander. The Leander had the favoured station, and led for a whole mile, but the Oxonian gradually won him down. At Fawley Court Smith was reached in 4 minutes 14 seconds. Smith was a quarter length to the good. But by the time the mile post was reached Kelly was level, and being able to keep up his forcing tactics, gradually drew clear and ultimately won easily.

The final for the Ladies' Challenge Plate was a magnificent race. The Etonians lost by such a narrow margin that it was the general opinion that they would have won if they had not been handicapped by the station. The Eton boys lost by a short half length, in time better than that of the final for the Grand Challenge Cup. The Stewards' Challenge Cup, final, was a procession. Third Trinity, Cambridge, went off at a gallop and crossed Leander's bows into the smoother water on the Buck's shore. The Leander were already well beaten when they hit piles opposite the Grosvenor Club and Third Trinity paddled home.

RESULTS. A summary of the results of the final heats to-day follows:

In the final heat for the Grand Challenge Cup, Third Trinity beat the Leander Rowing Club.

In the final for the Stewards' Challenge Cup, Third Trinity, Cambridge, beat Leander Rowing Club by 8 lengths. Time, 7 minutes 45 seconds.

In the final for the Ladies' Challenge Plate, University College, Oxford, beat Eton by half a length. Time, 7 minutes 47 seconds.

In the final heat for the Wyfold Challenge Cup, Burton Rowing Club beat Kingston Rowing Club by 2½ lengths. Time, 7 minutes 43 seconds. The heat was rowed in rough water and stormy weather. Burton led from the start and was never headed.

In the final for the Thames Challenge Cup, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, beat Royal School of Mines Boat Club by 2½ lengths. Time, 7 minutes 34 seconds.

In the race for the Visitors' Challenge Cup, Jesus College, Cambridge, beat Balliol College, Oxford, by one-third of a length. Time, 7 minutes 59 seconds.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

3rd August; 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Psalms; Venite, Russell; Psalms, Kelway and Tomlinson; Te Deum and Jubilate, Alkin. In D. Hymns 237 and 244; Kyrie, Proke in U. Offertory, Hymns 183.

Evangelist (6.45 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms; Psalms, Croft and Harvey; Magnificat, Oakley in D. (2nd M.). Hymns 613, 42, and 305; Vesper Hymn, Ward (2).

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA CRYLON.

CORONATION EVENTS.

AN UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE.

London, 15th July. Some unfortunate trouble has occurred among the Colonial contingents, owing to animosity between whites and blacks. A mistake has been made in camping them together.

A SUCCESSFUL BANQUET.

London, 15th July. On Saturday a most successful banquet was given by the Savage Club to some representatives of India in London.

THE AUGUST CELEBRATION.

London, 17th July.

The greatest eagerness prevails in the highest quarters that the Coronation should be postponed. According to present arrangements the Indian chiefs and the Indian contingent remain in London till next month. Maharaja Sir Joteedee Mohan Tigore, who is at present on the Continent, will return to London in the event of it being decided to hold the Coronation in August. The Times issues a note of warning deprecating the risk which the King runs in returning to the Abbey along the Piccadilly route, which might be too much for His Majesty.

SOUTH AFRICA.

FRENCH PRINCE LORD KITCHENER.

London, 14th July.

The Paris correspondent of the Times sends a long despatch describing the sudden change which has taken place in the attitude of the French Press with reference to Lord Kitchener. Newspapers which lately were most insulting, now eulogise him as the organiser of victory and the chief instrument of peace.

London, 16th July.

In a debate on South African Land Settlement in the House of Lords, Lord Curzon said that the Government had obtained considerable areas, and had granted one million sterling of which Lord Milner had expended £600,000. The South African Constabulary have preference as settlers, and after them come the regular and irregular forces. The land acquired was insufficient to satisfy the preference claims.

ANOTHER BLOW AT GRN. BULLER.

London, 17th July.

Sir Edward Grey has re-opened the Buller case. Mr. St. John Brodrick said, in the House of Commons, that the Government had agreed on the side of consideration. No further publication of papers could exonerate the abandonment of the guns at Colenso and the proposals to surrender Ladysmith, which if they had been adopted, would have produced a disaster unparalleled. Sir George White and his Staff refused to believe that the note of despair emanated from Sir Redvers Buller, who had received a fortnight previously a telegram, stating that Sir George White was provisioned for seventy days. The retention of General Buller in his command after Colenso and Spion Kop was inevitable under the circumstances. Regarding his appointment to a command at home, that was merely the resumption of his old post. He was a good peace general.

PRISONERS-OF-WAR IN INDIA.

Calcutta, 17th July.

The Government of India has just issued definite instructions for the repatriation of Boers detained in this country. The orders prescribe the different procedures to be followed in the cases of different classes of prisoners—those who have taken the oath of allegiance; those who still hold back; also Boers proper, and foreigners calling themselves Boers; and rebels.

TALK ON HIS WAY TO EUROPE.

London, 18th July.

Mr. Steyn has sailed for Europe. He was carried aboard the steamer.

THE BRITISH CABINET.

London, 15th July.

The names of Mr. Ritchie, Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Hanbury, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain are mentioned as the successor to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who, however, will probably remain until the autumn session.

FOREIGN PRINCES ON LORD SALISBURY.

London, 16th July.

The majority of Continental and American newspapers have appreciative articles on Lord Salisbury, and welcome Mr. Balfour's promotion. They anticipate that the British policy will remain unchanged. The French Press does not disguise its relief that Mr. Chamberlain has not succeeded to the Premiership. The Vienna journal, *Die Information*, in the course of a most eulogistic article, declares that Lord Salisbury has been the most prominent statesman in Europe since the death of Prince Bismarck. The *New York Herald* attributes to the diplomacy of Lord Salisbury the existence of the close tie of friendship that now binds England and the United States. The *New York Tribune* has some fears that the retirement of the Premier denotes the end of the old era of British policy. All Continental papers express surprise that the recent changes have taken place so quietly.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

London, 17th July.

Mr. Balfour has held his first Cabinet. Mr. Chamberlain attended. Innumerable mistakes in combinations are published, mostly based on the probabilities of Mr. Chamberlain taking office. It is doubtful whether there will be any changes before the autumn. Mr. Hanbury is considered as a likely candidate for the Chancellorship of the Exchequer.

London, 18th July.

It appears that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach desired to retire two years ago, and that he was persuaded to continue by Lord Salisbury. The resignation of the Lord High Chancellor is also generally anticipated at an early date. The papers are busy with Cabinet reconstruction schemes of more or less probability but based on no authority, whereas Lord Curzon's name is frequently included. The Times says that the belief is widely entertained that Lord Curzon will take the earliest possible opportunity to re-enter the House of Commons and resume his political career.

[The London correspondent of the *Madras Mail* states that there are persistent rumours in London political circles that Lord Curzon will be recalled to join the Cabinet. The rumours are discounted at the Indian Office, where it is realised that Lord Curzon's work in India is not yet completed.]

THE CURZEN FUNDS.

London, 19th July.

The Times of to-day speaks of the recall of Lord Curzon as a wild rumour. The *Daily Telegraph* surmises that whatever happens, the Viceroy will remain over the Delhi celebration.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE DEPT. LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

London, 15th July.

Sir Marcus Samuel, the Japanese merchant, has been nominated Lord Mayor elect.

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THE CAMPANILE COLLAPSE.

London, 15th July.

An Austrian official expert ascribes "the Campanile disaster to earth disturbances, particularly to the recent earthquakes in Salomika, and the disturbances reported in various parts of the world.

GEYSER EXPLOSION IN NEW ZEALAND.

London, 14th July.

There has been a tremendous explosion of the Westmanga Geyser in New Zealand. A height of 900 feet was reached.

OPIMUM IN CEYLON.

London, 15th July.

The Prime Minister, replying for Mr. Chamberlain, said that the consumption of opium in Ceylon was being carefully watched. He was not inclined to think that the increase in consumption had been material.

DRUNKENNESS AMONG INDIAN COOLIES.

London, 16th July.

The Chief Commissioner of Assam—in the Secretary of State, in reply to another question—would certainly give the fullest consideration to proposals to prevent drunkenness among tea plantation coolies; but Lord George Hamilton added that it was not proposed to issue any instructions in that connection.

BRITAIN AND ITALY.

London, 16th July.

In the House of Commons a debate on the relations with Italy was raised on the diplomatic vote. Mr. T. Gibson Bowles sharply criticised Sir Philip Currie, and suggested that his recall had been demanded. He blamed Sir Philip Currie for the loss of friendly relations with Italy. Lord Cranborne defended Sir Philip Currie and denied his recall. He said that there was no country in Europe with which our relations were more friendly than with Italy. He said that the settlement of numerous difficult and delicate questions—notably the Somali-Land, Sudan Frontier, and the Malta and Tripoli questions—were due to Sir Philip Currie.

London, 15th July.

In a debate in the House of Lords the Marquess of Lansdowne said our relations with Italy were most cordial and friendly. There was never an alliance similar to the Japanese and an exchange of views showed a close resemblance of views in the Mediterranean. There were no difficulties with Italy, but one or two matters requiring explanation, including the Isthmian boundary question. We had given Italy assurances regarding Tripoli, which had been readily accepted. We regarded it as quite natural for Italy to desire to be on friendly terms with France, which need not create any misgiving here.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FUND RECEPTION.

London, 17th July.

The reception of Indian Princes and Colonial Coronation guests, organised by the Gibraltar branch of Sir George White's Soldiers and Sailors' Fund, was held yesterday evening. Prince Christian received the guests. Lord Kitchener was present.

NO IMPERIAL GRANT FOR THE DELHI DURBAR.

London, 17th July.

Sir M. Hicks-Beach, speaking in the House of Commons, said that he was not prepared to make a grant towards the Delhi durbar.

OBITUARY.

London, 17th July.

Mr. W. Johnston, of Ballykilleigh, is dead.

LORD KITCHENER AND INDIA.

London, 16th July.

It is settled that Lord Kitchener will arrive at Bombay by the last mail in November, to assume office from Sir Power Palmer as Commander-in-Chief at once. He will probably visit the South on his way out. It is expected that Colonel Herbert Hamilton will accompany Lord Kitchener to India as Military Secretary.

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CHAPTER III.

THE COURTNEYAYS.

I determined to spend that evening at
Richmond Road with open eyes.
The house was a large, red brick one, modern,
furnished, and typically suburban. Mr. Courtney,
a large, wealthy man with a large estate in
London and extensive properties in Canada,
where as a young man he had amassed a large
fortune, lived in that London suburb in order to
be near his old friends. Besides, his wife was
young and objected to be married in the country.
With her husband an invalid she was unable to
entertain, therefore she had found the country
dull very soon after her marriage, and gladly
welcomed removal to London, even though they
sank their individuality in becoming suburban
residents.

Short, the prim maid who admitted me,
showed me at once up to the master's room, and
I stayed for half an hour with him. He was
sitting before the fire in a padded dressing-gown
—a rather thick set figure with grey hair, his
cheeks and bright eyes. The hand he gave me
was chill and bony, yet I saw plainly that he
was much better than when I had last seen him.
He was up—and that was a distinctly good sign.
I examined him, questioned him, and as far as
I could make out, he was, contrary to my chief's
opinion, very much improved.

Indeed, he spoke quite gaily: offered me a
whiskey and soda, and made me tell him the
stories I had heard an hour earlier at the
Savage. The poor old fellow was suffering from
that most malignant disease, cancer of the tongue
—which had caused him to develop peripheral
neuritis. His doctors had recommended an
operation, but knowing it to be a very serious
one he had declined it; and as he had suffered
great pain and much violence he had taken to
drink heavily. He was a lonely man, and he
often pined. A doctor can very quickly
tell whether domestic felicity reigns in a house-
hold, and I had long ago seen that with the
difference of the ages of Mr. Courtney and
his wife—the sixty-two and the only twenty-
nine—they had but few ideas in common.

That she nursed him tenderly I was well
aware; but from her manner I had long ago
detected that her apparent devotedness was only
in order to humour him, and that she possessed
little or no real affection for him. Nor was it
much wonder, after all. A smart young
woman, fond of society and amusement, in her
thirtieth year, to see that Mr. Courtney and
his wife—the sixty-two and the only twenty-
nine—they had but few ideas in common.

Instead of remaining at home of an evening
and posing as a dutiful wife, she once had
done, she was now in the habit of going up to
town to her friends and the friends of her
sister, who lived in Brook Street, or the
Redcliffe Square, accompanying them to
dances and theatres with all the elegance of the
"gossamer" allowed now-a-days to a married
woman. On such occasions, growing each week
more frequent, her sister Ethelwyn remained
at home, to see that Mr. Courtney was
properly attended to by the nurse, and exhibited
a patience that I could not help but admire.

Yes, the more I reflected upon it, the more
curious seemed that ill-assorted marriage. On
her marriage Mary Mivart had declared that
her home in Devonshire was deadly dull, and
had induced her indulgent husband to allow her
sister to come and live with her, and Ethelwyn
and her maid had formed part of the household
ever since.

We doctors, providing we have not a brass
plate in front of our practice, are some queer things,
and being in the confidence of our patients,
know of many strange and incomprehensible
families. The one at Richmond Road was a
case in point. I had gradually seen how young
Mrs. Courtney had tired of her wifely duties
—by slow degrees, she had cast off the
shackles altogether—until she now thought
more of her new frocks, smart snappers at the
theatre, first nights and "shows" in Mayfair,
whom she had not so long ago vowed to "love,
honour and obey." It was to be regretted, but
in my position I had no necessity or inclination
to interfere. Even Ethelwyn made no remark,
although this sudden breaking forth of her
sister must have pained her considerably.

When at length, I shook hands with my
patient, left him in the hands of the nurse and
descended to the drawing-room, I found
Ethelwyn awaiting me.

She rose and came forward, both her slim
white hands outstretched in glad welcome.
"Short told me you were here," she ex-
claimed. "What a long time you have been
upstairs. Nothing serious, I hope?" she added,
with a touch of anxiety. I thought, "Nothing
at all," I assured her, walking
with her across to the fire and seating myself
in the easy chair, while she threw herself upon
a low lounge chair and pillowed her dark head
upon a big cushion of yellow silk. "Where is
Mary?" I asked.

"Out," she said, lying with the Hennikers
to night, I think."

"And leaves you at home to look after the
invalid?" I remarked.

"Oh, I don't mind in the least," she declared,
laughing. "And the old gentleman? What does he
say to her constant absence in the evening?"

"Well, to tell the truth, Ralph, he seldom
knows. He usually believes her to be at home,
and I never undeceive him. Why should I?"

"I grumbled—for I was not at all well pleased
with her conduct at her sister's death. The
sound that escaped my lips caused her to glance
across at me in quick surprise."

"You are displeased with her," she said. "Tell
me why. What have I done?"

As she sat before me in her evening gown of
some filmy cream stuff, all frills and furrows,
she seemed perfect in her loveliness. The sur-
roundings suited her to perfection, the old
Chippendale and the palms while the wall
shaded electric lamp in its wrought-iron stand
shed a mellow glow upon her, softening her
features and harmonising the flints of the
objects around. From beneath the hem of her
skirt a neat ankle, encased in its black silk
stocking, was thrust coquettishly forward, and
her left foot, intent leather slipper was stretched
out to the warmth of the fire. Her pose was,
however, restless and nervous. She loved luxury,
and made no secret of it. The hour after dinner
was always her hour of leisure, and she usually
spent it in that self-same chair, in that
self-same position.

She was twenty-five—the youngest daughter
of Lord Thomas Mivart, who was Squire of
Netherford, in Northamptonshire, and a well-
known hunting-man of his day, who had died
of apoplexy, leaving a widow, a charming lady,
who lived alone at the Manor. To me it had
always been a mystery why the craving for
luxury and amusement had been so strong in
Ethelwyn. She was far from the most beautiful
of the pair, the smarter in dress and the wittier
in speech, for possessed of a keen sense of
humour she was interesting as well as handsome—
the two qualities which are par excellence
necessary for a woman to attain social success.

She stirred slightly as she broke the silence,
and then I detected in her a nervousness which
I had not noticed on first entering the room.
"Sir Bernard Mivart was down here yesterday
and spent over an hour with the old gentleman.
They sent the nurse out of the room, and talked
together for a long time—upon some private
business, nurse thinks. When Sir Bernard
came down he told me in confidence that Mr.
Courtney was distinctly weaker."

"Yes," I said. "Sir Bernard told me that,
but I must confess that to-night I find a decided
improvement in him. He's getting quite lively."
"Very different to a month ago," my well-
beloved remarked. "Do you recollect when
Short went to London in a hansom and brought
you down at three in the morning?"

"I gave up all hope when I saw him on that
occasion," I said. "But he certainly seems to
have taken a new lease of life."
"Do you think he really has?" she inquired,
with an undisguised eagerness which struck me
as distinctly curious. "Do you believe that Sir
Bernard's fears are after all unfounded?"

I looked at her surprised. She had never
before evinced such a keen interest in her
sister's husband, and I was puzzled.
"I cannot give an opinion," I responded
mechanically, for want of something better to say.
It was curious, that question of hers—very
curious.

Yet after all I was in love—and all lovers
are fools in their jealousy.

CHAPTER IV.

A NIGHT CALL.

"I don't know, Ralph," she faltered presently.
"I have a faint suspicion that you are annoyed
about something. What is it? He frank now,
and tell me."

"Annoyed?" I laughed. "Not at all, dearest.
Nervous and impatient, perhaps. You must
make allowances for me. A doctor's life is full
of professional worries. I've had a trying day
at the hospital; and I suppose I'm quarrel-
some—eh?"

"No, not quarrelsome, but just inclined to be
a little suspicious."
"Suspicious? Of what?"

"The woman's power of penetration to the
innermost secrets of the heart was marvellous."
"Of me?"

"How absurd!" I exclaimed. "Why should
I be suspicious—and of what?"

"Well," she laughed, "I really don't know,
only my manner is peculiar. Why don't you
frank with me, Ralph dear, and tell me what it
is that you don't like? Have I offended you?"

"Not at all, darling," I hastened to assure
her. "Why, you're the best little woman in the
world. Offend me—how absurd!"

"I hesitated," she said, "but a woman really loves,
a man can have no secrets from her. Ethelwyn
always reads me like an open book."
"I'm worried over a critical case," I said, in
an endeavour to evade her question.

"But your patients don't annoy you, surely?"
she exclaimed. "There is a distinction between
anxiety and worry."

I saw that she had detected my suspicion,
and at once hastened to reassure her that she
had not a trace of confidence.

"If Mary finds her life a trifle dull with her
husband it is only no reason why I should be
blamed for it," she said, in a tone of mild
complaint.

"No, you entirely misunderstand me," I said.
"No blame whatever attaches to you. It is
merely a pity that she cannot see her error.
With her husband living ill she should at least
remain at home."

"She declines that she has suffered martyrdom
for his sake long enough," my well-beloved
said. "Perhaps she is right; for between our-
selves the old gentleman is a terrible trial."

"That is only to be expected from one suffer-
ing from such a disease. Yet it can serve no
excuse for his wife taking up with that gay
set, the Pein-Pagets and the Hennikers. I
must say I'm very surprised."

"And so am I, Ralph. But what can I do?
I'm utterly powerless. She is mistress here,
and does exactly as she likes. The old gentle-
man does not, and allows her to have her
way in everything. She has even been wilful,
even from a child."

I returned her career with a passion that was
heartfelt. I was devoted to her, and these
tender words of hers confirmed my belief in her
truth and purity.

"No—I repeat what I have told you so many
times, I am not in a low voice, as her
head rested upon my shoulder and she stood in my
embraces. 'Need I tell you how fondly I love
you—how that I am entirely yours? No. You
are mine. Ethelwyn—mine.'"

"And you will never think ill of me?" she
asked in a faltering tone. "You will never be
suspicious of me as you have been to-night?"

You cannot tell how all this upsets me. Perfect
love surely demands perfect confidence. And our
love is perfect—is it not?"

"It is," I cried. "It is. Forgive me, dearest.
Forgive me for my childish conduct to-night.
It is my fault—all my fault. I love you, and
have every confidence in you."

"But will your love last always?" she asked
with just a tinge of doubt in her voice.

"Yes, always," I declared.

"No matter what may happen?" she asked.

"No matter what may happen," I said.

I kissed her fervently, with warm words of
passionate devotion upon my lips, and went
forth into the rainy winter's night with my
suspensions swept away, and with love renewed
within me.

I had been foolish in my suspicions and
apprehensions, and bated myself for it. Her
sweet devotedness to me was sufficient proof of
honour. I was not worthy by any means.

I knew that if she chose she could, with her
notable beauty captivate a rich husband without
much difficulty. Her husband was only unattainable
by the bluestocking, the strict and the personally
unpleasant.

The rain pelted down in torrents as I walked
to Kew Gardens Station, and so it generally
happens to the unhappy doctor that calls are
made upon him in the most inconvenient weather.

I found, on returning to Harley Place, that
Lady Longley, in Hill Street, had sent a
message, asking me to go round at once. I was
therefore compelled to pay the visit, for her
ladyship, a snappy old dowager, was a somewhat
exacting patient of Sir Bernard's.

She was a fiery old person who believed
herself to be much worse than she really was;
and it was therefore, not until past one o'clock
that I reached my final pipe, drained my mug
and retired to bed, full of recollections of my
well-beloved.

Just before turning in, my man brought me
a telegram from Sir Bernard, despatched from
Brighton, regarding a case to be seen on the
following day. He was very erratic about
telegrams, and sent them to me at all hours;
therefore, it was no extraordinary circumstance.
He always preferred telegraphing to writing
letters.

I read the message, tossed it with its
envelope upon the fire, and then retired with
a faint hope that I should at least be allowed
to have a complete night's rest. Sir Bernard's
patients were, however, of that class who
call the doctor at any hour for the slightest
attack of indigestion, and summon him at night
were consequently very frequent.

I suppose I had been in bed a couple of
hours when I was awakened by the electric
bell sounding in my man's room, and a few
minutes later he entered saying—
"There's a man who wants to see you im-
mediately, sir. He says he's from Mr.
Courtney's—down at Kew."

"Mr. Courtney's?" I echoed, sitting up in
bed. "Bring him in here."

A few moments later the caller was shown in.
"Why, Short?" I exclaimed. "What's
the matter?"

"Master, doctor?" the man stammered.
"It's awful, sir."

"What's awful?"

"My poor master, sir. He's dead—he's
been murdered!"

(To be continued.)

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [1800]

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 3rd September.	

TO	HOMEWARDS.	FROM	DATE
LONDON	"ULYSSES"	On 7th August.	
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 18th August.	
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 28th September.	
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HONGKONG, 1st August, 1902.
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FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
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SWATOW, AMOY and SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 9th August.	
TIENTSIN	"KWEIYANG"	On 10th August.	
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 18th August.	
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES OF CARGO EX "AJAX"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo on the above steamer, which struck on a reef near Jeddah on or about 1st June, 1902, are notified that a portion of her undamaged Cargo has arrived to-day per "PINGSUEY" and is now being landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., where it will be at their risk and any such Cargo remaining in the Godowns after 7th August will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

AVERAGE BOND is now ready for Signature at the Office of the Undersecretary, where Landing Account can be seen and Bills of Lading countersigned on and after 1st prox.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 30th July, 1902.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th August will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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Hongkong, 31st July, 1902.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU"

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary, before 4 p.m. TO-DAY, 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 5th August, will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 10th August, or claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1902.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

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DODWELL & CO., LD.,
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Hongkong, 30th July, 1902.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

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Captain Meyer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersecretary and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY, the 31st inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th August, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1902.

S.S. "POLYNESIEN"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSENGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex s.s. "Polysien" from Bordeaux, or from Ville de Rochefort, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless instructions are received from the Consignees before 6 o'clock TO-DAY, the 29th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersecretary, Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 4th August, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th August, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 5th August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1902.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENALDER"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th August, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 20th August, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th August, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1902.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary, before 4 p.m. TO-DAY, 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 5th August, will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 10th August, or claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, 29th July, 1902.

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